

**AGENDA**  
**WATER POLICY TASK FORCE**  
**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS**

**March 9, 2006**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Location of Meeting: SCAG Offices**  
**818 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017**

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or another item, but within the purview of this Task Force, must notify staff to the Task Force prior to the meeting. At the discretion of the Chair public comments may be limited to three minutes.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the minutes of the January 12, 2005 meeting. (Minutes will be available at the meeting and on the Task Force website: <http://www.scag.ca.gov/wptf/index.htm>)

**4.0 PRESENTATION ITEM FOR THE TASK FORCE**

**4.1 Bacteria Water Impairments in the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek: the Los Angeles CREST Planning Efforts in Support of TMDL Regulation 4**

Donna Chen, with the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, will brief the Task Force on the City's initiative to support the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board's obligation to adopt bacteria rules for the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek. **(20 Min)**

**4.2 Progress Report on Integrated Regional Watershed Management Planning (IRWMP) 6**

Rich Nagel, Co-General Manager of the West Basin Municipal Water District, will brief the Task Force on the regional organization of five proposal groups that are collaborating to gain state funding for watershed projects within the region. The Department of Water Resources has established grant funding criteria that now require watershed or regional groupings as a qualification for project funding. IRWMP is a response to this new funding criterion and reflects a level of watershed collaboration only recently envisioned. **(20 Min)**

- 4.3 Downey’s Comprehensive Strategy for Managing Stormwater Runoff 7**
- Dr. Gerry Greene, a water quality specialist with the City of Downey and a Task Force member, will introduce the Task Force to the City’s comprehensive effort to better manage its local water resources by implementing projects that minimize stormwater runoff and costly pollution controls. **(20 Min)**
- 4.4 A Proposed Local Outreach Program by the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council 8**
- Drew Ready, a staff member of the Watershed Council, will present the features of a grant proposal developed by the Watershed Council for consideration by the California Department of Water Resources and the CalFed Watershed Program. The Task Force is asked to endorse the proposal, confirming SCAG’s interest in having a role as a partner in future outreach efforts contemplated by the proposed program. **(15 Min)**
- 4.5 Improving Public Information and Participation Programs (PIPP) 10**
- Melinda Barrett, Public Relations Chief for the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, will brief the Task Force on recent discussions about the need for improving PIPP efforts within the region and the steps being taken to achieve greater information effectiveness and cost-efficiencies. A recent \$5 million public education program was implemented by one agency without any coordination with other agencies that already were active in the same media markets with similar water quality messages. **(10 Min)**
- 4.6 Status of Water Infrastructure Bond Proposals 11**
- March 10 is the stated deadline for legislative agreement on a Water Infrastructure Bond measure and the placement of a measure for the June ballot. Kathy Cole, the Sacramento legislative representative for Metropolitan Water District (MWD), will update the Task Force on any agreements that would qualify a water measure for the June ballot. **(15 Min)**
- 4.7 A Dialogue with the New General Manager for the Metropolitan Water District: Priorities for Southern California’s Water Future 12**
- On February 14, 2006, Jeff Kightlinger was appointed General Manager of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the largest water agency in the United States. Previously as MWD’s General Counsel, Mr. Kightlinger has been a key participant in many of the region’s recent major water initiatives and agreements. In his new capacity, Mr. Kightlinger is charged with securing the region’s supplemental water supplies and encouraging local projects that will substantially increase water conservation, reclamation and reuse. **(20 Min)**

**5.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

**6.0 STAFF REPORT**

**7.0 TASK FORCE INFORMATION SHARING**

**8.0 COMMENT PERIOD**

**10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The next Task Force meeting will be held on May 11, 2006.

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